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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 386. Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. had a good discussion. I happen to have a son who is a computer engineer, and so he's on the hardware side of this thing. And as he would explain to me, it's like calling the repairman, a repair person, now when something breaks down, you've got to have the ability to repair it, and also you need to have the ability to improve it as we continue to deliver technology services in our schools. It's a very important bill and I hope that as you decide how you're going to vote, you will recognize the significance of this and that currently they do have the half a cent ability off of property tax. With this, we eliminate that and fund the ESUs for this very important portion of delivering technology. I thank Senator Wehrbein for pointing that out that it does have the recommendation of the NIT...TS I would have pointed that out only I couldn't remember the name of the commission, so...and I think it is NITC. I'll get that down straight, so thank you, Senator Wehrbein, and with that, I will give my remaining time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The question before us is the advancement of LB 386. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 386.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: LB 386 is advanced. LB 386A.

CLERK: (LB) 386A by Senator Bohlke. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President and members, the A bill, as we've discussed, this is an A bill of \$3 million in the first year, 3 million dollar...\$3,075,000 in the second. The extra 75,000 is the allowable growth rate. I would point out to you if everything that this half a cent provides, if they didn't do